

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DISTRIBUTION

FROM: D. Robert Lohn

Regional Administrator

SUBJECT: END OF PRIMARY SEASON FOR SHORE-BASED WHITING

The best available information indicates that the 90,510 mt allocation for the shore-based whiting fishery is projected to be taken by 1600 local time (l.t.) August 14, 2004. Therefore, the following action is taken in accordance with the regulations at at 50 CFR 660.323(b):

Effective **1600 l.t. August 14, 2004** no more than 10,000-lb (4,536 kg) of whiting may be taken and retained, possessed or landed by any vessel participating in the shore-based sector of the whiting fishery, unless otherwise announced in the <u>Federal Register</u>. If a vessel fishes shoreward of the 100 fm (183 m) contour in the Eureka area (43° - 40°30' N. lat.) at any time during a fishing trip, the 10,000-lb (4,536 kg) trip limit applies, as announced in the annual management measures at paragraph IV, B (3)(c)(ii), except when the whiting fishery is closed.

This communication serves as official notice.

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